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Timely Tidbits ...

Vote August 2

On Tuesday, August 2, voters will decide the fate of Wayne County Proposition P—a five-year renewal of a millage levy for the improvement and operation of various parks and related facilities.

For complete ballot language and other election information, see the public notices on pages 20–21.

School Starts Soon!

The Romulus Community Schools will begin the 2005–2006 school year on Wednesday, August 31, with a full day of classes. For a school calendar highlighting important dates throughout the year, see page 14.

Car Show Benefits Animal Shelter

Be sure to stop by Blue Sky Ice Cream & Hamburgers (located at Eureka and Huron River Drive) on Thursday, August 11, for an afternoon/evening of good fun and good food that will also help a good cause. This event—a fundraiser for the Romulus Animal Shelter—will feature a car show, moon walk, 50-50 raffle, and more. A percentage of all ice-cream sales will be donated, as well.

For more information, call the restaurant: 734-941-BLUE.

"Person of the Year"

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its Person of the Year Award. To be eligible, a nominee must have made significant contributions to the Romulus community and its residents.

Persons submitting nominations should include their name and a contact telephone number or e-mail address, as well as a synopsis of their nominee's qualifications for recognition.

Nominations may be submitted to the Chamber by mail (9191 Wickham), fax (734-326-3489), or e-mail (info@romuluschamber.org). All nominations must be received by Monday, August 1, to be considered. For more information, call 734-326-4290. □

School Board Elects Officers, Adopts Policies



Newly elected officers of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education are (from left) Niema White, treasurer; Celeste Roscoe, vice-president; April Frayer, president; and Kenneth Mientkiewicz, secretary.

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education elected new officers for the 2005–2006 school year during its annual statutory meeting, held July 11.

Receiving unanimous support for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer were, respectively, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White.

Other actions taken included:

- the designation of Comerica, National City, and Bank One as the district's official depositories;
- the naming of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel, LLP as the district's auditor;
- the selection of Keller Thoma, PC and Thrun Law Firm, PC as the district's attorneys;

- the scheduling of regular Board meetings, which will be held in the district's administrative offices (36540 Grant Road) on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m.; and
- the adoption of all existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools.

Actions taken during the Board's regular meeting, which followed immediately afterward, included the approval of district memberships in organizations such as the National School Boards Association, the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Middle Cities Education Association, the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, and the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

President April Frayer announced a number of committee appointments during the Board's July 25 meeting. They included:

- Climate Committee—Celeste Roscoe and Betty Lenossi;
- Early Childhood Development Committee—Betty Lenossi;
- Finance Committee—Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, and Thomas Kuderik;
- Healthy Living Committee—Cheryle Buckley;
- Personnel Committee—Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik; and
- Policy Committee—Celeste Roscoe, Betty Lenossi, and Cheryle Buckley.

Romulus School District Honors 34 Retirees

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education is honoring 34 newly retired employees—27 teachers, 3 administrators, and 4 support staff members—for their combined 1,068 years of dedicated service. The retirements were precipitated by the district's offer of an early severance plan that will result in a savings of more than \$1.5 million for the 2005–2006 school year.

"The district will not replace 12 of the retiring teachers, and will not fill 3 of the support positions," explained superintendent Joel R. Carr. "The savings from the 12 eliminated teacher positions, the salary differential between the other 15 teacher retirees and their new replacements, and the elimination of the support positions will result in the \$1.5-million-plus savings we are seeking."

On July 25, the Romulus school

board recognized 15 of the retirees with special resolutions that highlighted their many contributions to the Romulus Community Schools (see page 12). Similar resolutions will be presented to the other retirees at a future meeting.

The honorees included:

- William Barnes (industrial technology teacher, Romulus High School; 36 years of service)
- Ronald Bayes (English teacher, RHS; 35 years)
- Rosalie Berlinn (paraprofessional, RHS; 29 years)
- Wendy Blohm (learning specialist, Cory Elementary School; 32 years)
- Cheryl Brackney (learning specialist, Halecreek Elementary School; 36 years)
- Joyce Bujak (mathematics teacher, RHS; 37 years)

- Mary Ann Bush (special education teacher, HES; 30 years)
- Vera Otis Fields (first-grade teacher, Wick Elementary School; 30 years)
- Gretchen Firestone (media specialist, Romulus Middle School; 30 years)
- Gail Fraley (art teacher, RHS/RMS; 30 years)
- Gloria Harvey (custodian, BES; 23 years)
- Barbara Jaszcz (literary coach, CES; 32 years)
- Christine Julvezan (counselor, RMS; 28 years)
- Charles Kidwell (Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration coordinator, WES; 36 years)
- Melvin Kimbrough (principal, RMS; 32 years)

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Guest Commentary

Community Pride: Past, Present, Future

By Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert

Recently, I attended the "Party in the Park" hosted by the Romulus Historical Society and the Romulus Historical Commission. It was refreshing to see hundreds of people in attendance. The outpouring of community pride was heartwarming. After talking to many folks who came to see the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the dedication of the Wabash Freight Building, I was inspired by the real interest our residents take in what is going on in Romulus. We are a proud community – proud of our past, proud of our present, and proud of working toward a better future. Our diverse community has a rich history.

The preservation of the Wabash building was made possible by the hard work of the Historical Commission, the Historical Society, and our city's Community Development Block Grant funds. The building will be the site of future "Party in the Park" events, summer concert series, and farmers' markets. The building will also be used during the Romulus Pumpkin Festival and other special events. The expansion of Historical Park will continue as we preserve the past while building our future.

The Historical Park improvements are a reflection of the downtown revitalization currently taking place in Romulus. Our downtown area is being enhanced and improved in many ways.

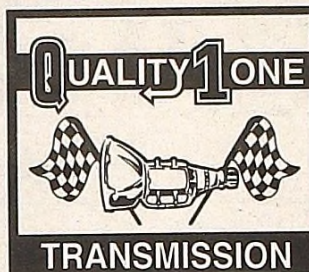
- New banners and lighting improvements invite people to explore our downtown area.
- A new facade enhancement program will help to improve the exteriors of businesses located in the downtown district by providing grants that will enable business owners to renovate the exteriors of downtown buildings.
- The Downtown Development Authority and the City's Planning Commission are implementing the new cen-

tral business district overlay plan. This plan will help us create a pedestrian-oriented destination that offers entertainment, shopping, employment, housing, and recreational opportunities in the downtown area from Wayne Road to Five Points.

- The central business overlay district plan will help residents who live in the district by eliminating or minimizing nonconforming issues for existing single-family residences, and promoting their continued use.
- The central business overlay district will also help businesses by establishing design guidelines that will enhance the area and increase parking opportunities. Recently, a historic home was purchased by the DDA and sold to a local purchaser who will move the historical home to a new location. The home was rescued, and the new area will allow the City to provide additional parking in the downtown district.
- Future plans also include the development of new brownstone-style condominiums at the site where the Wabash Freight building stood before it was moved to Historical Park.
- All of the projects I have outlined here are underway to improve the quality of life for Romulus residents and enhance the image of downtown Romulus.

These downtown improvements will promote a high-quality image for our city and greatly improve the area. Our goal is to preserve our rich history and ensure a vibrant downtown district. I believe that a viable downtown is crucial to the survival of a community. I want to thank the City legislators, commissioners, and administrators and the Romulus residents who have given us so much valuable input during our downtown revitalization process. □

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Around the City



Taking part in the ribbon-cutting dedication for the newly restored Wabash freight building at Romulus Historical Park were: (from left) Sheldon Chandler, Councilman Bill Crova, Councilwoman Debbie Romak, Councilman Bill Wadsworth, Council Chairman Randy Gear, Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Mark Lewkowicz, Gerald Wendland, Fred Hay, Virgil Varner, and Councilman Mike Prybyla. The event was the highlight of the annual Party in the Park, hosted by the Romulus Historical Society on July 13.



Mayor Alan R. Lambert (right) presented a Distinguished Service Award to former Deputy Fire Chief Robert Pecsénye, who gave more than 40 years to the Romulus Fire Department before his retirement last December. Pecsénye also received an antique fire helmet – one of the first ever worn in Romulus – from the department.

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Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity during the period of Monday, June 27, through Sunday, July 24. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, June 27

- 3:04 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 39200 Wade)
- 3:25 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 7200 Hannan)
- 6:41 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6310 Hyde Park)
- 9:50 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 10:38 a.m. – Larceny (block of 16200 Brandt)
- 11:15 a.m. – Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) (block of 5930 Frederic)
- 12:07 p.m. – Larceny (block of 16400 Oakbrook)
- 12:20 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- 12:43 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36600 Goddard)
- 1:30 p.m. – Larceny (block of 16400 Oakbrook)
- 2:06 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 6720 Metroplex)
- 8:22 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 10:24 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 11:30 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6700 Merriman)
- 11:47 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15300 Harriet)

Tuesday, June 28

- 1:33 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 8:21 a.m. – Larceny (block of 11500 Moore)
- 11:36 a.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 6710 Merriman)
- 1:04 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15900 Merriman)
- 4:05 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 16500 Brandt)
- 4:29 p.m. – ORV Complaint (Beverly Road)
- 6:10 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 7:26 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 30200 Jamestown)
- 7:57 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 36500 Romulus)
- 11:43 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 9950 Wayne)

Wednesday, June 29

- 11:02 a.m. – Well-being Checks (block of 35400 Vinewood)
- 3:11 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:02 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9280 Ozga)
- 4:03 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6100 Wayne)
- 5:07 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 12700 Huron River Dr.)
- 7:14 p.m. – JC/R (block of 30200 Cherry)
- 9:34 p.m. – MDOP (block of 10700 Harrison)
- 10:43 p.m. – UDAA (block of 9910 Harrison)
- 11:54 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 11000 Grover)

Thursday, June 30

- 12:13 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15300 Meadow)
- 12:21 a.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 15300 Meadow)
- 12:32 a.m. – A&B (block of 30700 Eureka)
- 1:18 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6650 Amarillo)
- 8:44 a.m. – MDOP (block of 36600 Goddard)
- 9:24 a.m. – Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 29300 Northline)
- 10:42 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 35400 Smith)
- 10:48 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30700 Eureka)
- 11:55 a.m. – MDOP (block of 35500 Hawthorne Dr.)
- 1:25 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 2:20 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:26 p.m. – A&B (block of 6880 Niagara)
- 3:43 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 3:54 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 4:07 p.m. – Larceny (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 5:40 p.m. – A&B (block of 9530 Biddle)
- 5:57 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 15700 Birch Ct.)
- 8:54 p.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:46 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 38200 McDonald Dr.)
- 11:39 p.m. – JC/R (block of 38600 Cody)

Friday, July 1

- 12:42 a.m. – OUIL (block of 7200 Hannan)
- 7:15 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 9:28 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16100 Farnum)
- 4:54 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 16200 Middlebelt)
- 5:22 p.m. – Larceny (block of 27900 Arbor Ct.)
- 8:42 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15700 Birch Ct.)
- 10:26 p.m. – OUIL (block of 32800 Van Born)

Saturday, July 2

- 12:06 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6880 Niagara)
- 1:06 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- 2:24 a.m. – A&B (block of 35300 Michele)
- 3:19 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 4:10 a.m. – MDOP (block of 30300 Ecorse)
- 11:53 a.m. – Larceny (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 1:51 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 6060 Fourth)
- 4:27 p.m. – B&E (block of 5870 Newberry)
- 8:43 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 6340 Cogswell)
- 10:33 p.m. – JC/R (block of 10800 Ozga)
- 11:00 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 11:17 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9350 Essex)

Sunday, July 3

- 1:37 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 1:10 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 11100 Sterling)
- 5:51 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Beverly)
- 6:16 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15100 Mountain Way)
- 7:19 p.m. – Rescue (block of 15500 Hannan)
- 7:24 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 37100 McBride)
- 7:34 p.m. – Fight (block of 13200 Cogswell)
- 7:46 p.m. – Rescue (block of 15000 Colbert)
- 9:50 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 14500 New York)
- 10:26 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 15100 Harrison)
- 10:28 p.m. – OUIL (block of 7100 Merriman)
- 11:00 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 14500 New York)

- 11:15 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 11:23 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 35100 Wick)
- 11:26 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 10000 Diane)
- 11:44 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 39000 Chase)
- 11:47 p.m. – Threats (block of 15300 Meadow)
- 11:59 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 28600 S. Maple)

Monday, July 4

- 12:15 a.m. – Fireworks (block of 34600 Wick)
- 1:09 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9090 Wickham)
- 1:44 a.m. – Larceny (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 2:09 a.m. – JC/R (block of 34100 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 2:09 a.m. – Fireworks (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 3:07 a.m. – Rescue (block of 35600 Smith)
- 6:30 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 9:37 a.m. – Larceny (block of 32100 Beverly)
- 10:24 a.m. – UDAA (block of 13200 Homefield)
- 11:29 a.m. – UDAA (block of 5930 Mistwood Ct.)
- 12:43 p.m. – MDOP (block of 31900 Augusta Dr.)
- 7:12 p.m. – OUIL (block of 9200 Wayne)
- 8:20 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9690 Washington)
- 8:28 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6330 Cordell)
- 10:33 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 6400 Hyde Park)
- 11:00 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 34800 Michele)
- 11:25 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 28400 Cherry)
- 11:32 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9510 Washington)

Tuesday, July 5

- 1:07 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 13000 Middlebelt)
- 8:27 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 11000 Wahrman)
- 1:00 p.m. – B&E (block of 35300 Michele)
- 1:34 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6960 Niagara)
- 2:58 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 38800 Rodeo)
- 3:51 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30300 Kim Ln.)
- 5:48 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 35600 Wick)

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Cory Elementary School Wins Prestigious MCEA Muth Award



Principal Phyllis Adkins (right) was pleased to learn that Cory Elementary won the Middle Cities Education Association's Muth Award for academic excellence. School staff members who worked on the application included: (from left) front – Sally Berger, Wendy Blohm, Kara Pluff, and Barbara Jaszcz; back – Debra Roberts, Paul Grange, and Joseph Commander.

Ray Telman, executive director of the Middle Cities Education Association, has announced that Cory Elementary was one of four schools selected to receive the 2005 Robert and Patricia Muth Excellence in Education Award. Being chosen for the award – which recognizes outstanding leadership in the improvement of schools and student test results, and requires evidence of student, staff, and community support in achieving these goals – is an honor, according to Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr.

"The Middle Cities Education Association is a group of 33 urban school districts in Michigan, and encompasses more than 400 elementary schools," Carr explained. "To be one of only four schools selected from such a large group is a real achievement."

"We are proud that Cory Elementary School was selected as one of the 2005 Muth Award winners," he added.

Carr noted that Cory is the second of the district's elementary schools to win the distinguished award, which was also given to Barth Elementary in 2001.

Cory principal Phyllis Adkins was pleased with the award, and gave special credit to staff members Wendy Blohm, Barbara Jaszcz, Debra Roberts, Paul Grange, Joseph Commander, and Kara Pluff for the hard work that they put in on the award application.

"It took many extra hours to prepare the information that showed our improved grades and MEAP scores over the last several years, and my staff members did not hesitate to step up to the task," she said.

Romulus curriculum director Tom Dolan also praised Cory staffers' dedication, noting, "The selection process for the Muth Award was very rigorous. Experts from several Michigan intermediate school districts reviewed the applications and selected the winners."

Cory Elementary will be honored with a plaque and a \$1,500 award from the Robert and Patricia Muth Foundation during a ceremony to be held in Lansing this September. The program will be part of the annual MCEA Fall Roundup, and will recognize Cory before hundreds of Michigan educators. □

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The Police Blotter

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Tuesday, July 5 (continued)

- 6:04 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 7240 Hollywood)
- 10:21 p.m. – JC/R (block of 34300 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 11:25 p.m. – MDOP (block of 38100 Westvale)

Wednesday, July 6

- 12:23 a.m. – Fireworks (block of 11000 Delano)
- 9:24 a.m. – B&E (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 9:38 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 7550 Merriman)
- 12:14 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6710 Merriman)
- 1:27 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:39 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6710 Merriman)
- 4:33 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6710 Merriman)
- 6:20 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 15300 Harrison)
- 10:04 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 16100 Oak Tree)
- 10:57 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 9700 Essex)
- 11:09 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 38800 Wyoming)
- 11:18 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 7100 Cogswell)
- 11:26 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 15700 Huron River Dr.)

Thursday, July 7

- 12:54 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6880 Ball)
- 6:48 a.m. – Threats (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 8:55 a.m. – JC/R (block of 28700 Van Born)
- 9:18 a.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 6740 Middlebelt)
- 10:35 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 38000 Jay Kay Dr.)
- 1:21 p.m. – Larceny (block of 16000 Hollywood)
- 3:53 p.m. – Robbery (block of 9950 Wayne)
- 7:55 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6100 Cordell)
- 11:06 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:26 p.m. – MDOP (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 11:51 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 11200 Delano)
- 11:54 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15000 Brandt)

Friday, July 8

- 1:09 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 2:09 p.m. – B&E (block of 7230 Farnum)
- 2:43 p.m. – UDAA (block of 11200 Moore)
- 3:51 p.m. – MDOP (block of 36400 Van Born)
- 4:23 p.m. – B&E (block of 35600 Beverly)

- 5:50 p.m. – B&E (block of 6580 Merriman)
- 7:04 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 9090 Wickham)
- 7:46 p.m. – Fight (block of 37100 Eureka)
- 9:32 p.m. – OUIL (block of 8900 Middlebelt)
- 10:16 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 34400 Lynn)
- 11:15 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:51 p.m. – VPHC (block of 15000 Hillway)

Saturday, July 9

- 12:33 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 6780 Merriman)
- 2:31 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 6710 Merriman)
- 10:10 a.m. – MDOP (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 10:52 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 11:58 a.m. – Medical Assistance (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 2:01 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9400 Wayne)
- 7:44 p.m. – Larceny (block of 5920 Metro)
- 8:46 p.m. – Rescue (block of 7180 Ozga)
- 9:43 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 34700 Wick)
- 10:26 p.m. – MDOP (block of 30500 Dru)
- 10:37 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 9410 Terry)
- 10:56 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 35400 Garner)
- 11:14 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 5900 Frederic)

Sunday, July 10

- 12:03 a.m. – OUIL (block of 5800 Merriman)
- 12:24 a.m. – Fireworks (block of 38400 Barth)
- 12:33 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6950 Niagara)
- 1:17 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5910 Panam)
- 3:42 a.m. – Fight (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 7:27 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 8:03 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6040 Edmund)
- 10:59 a.m. – MDOP (block of 35600 Van Born)
- 12:19 p.m. – Larceny (block of 13300 Huron River Dr.)
- 12:50 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30900 Flynn Dr.)
- 2:28 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30200 Pennsylvania)
- 4:59 p.m. – MDOP (block of 8320 Merriman)
- 7:16 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 11:13 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 5800 Washington)
- 11:30 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 6100 E. Alexander)

Monday, July 11

- 12:28 a.m. – Family Trouble (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:11 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30400 Elm Ln.)
- 1:54 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 28000 Willowtree)
- 3:34 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 4:43 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6000 Colorado)
- 8:12 a.m. – Threats (block of 6320 Carnegie)
- 9:58 a.m. – Larceny (block of 5980 E. Maple)
- 10:15 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30700 Beverly)
- 11:11 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30400 Teak Ln.)
- 12:36 p.m. – Larceny (block of 13300 Huron River Dr.)
- 2:48 p.m. – MDOP (block of 39100 Montana)
- 4:03 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 4:47 p.m. – MDOP (block of 39100 Cherokee)
- 5:45 p.m. – UDAA (block of 6220 Middlebelt)
- 5:49 p.m. – MDOP (block of 39100 Cherokee)
- 6:10 p.m. – Fight (block of 6850 Birchdale)
- 9:48 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 11200 Delano)
- 10:08 p.m. – MDOP (block of 38700 Wade)
- 11:59 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 35400 Bibbins)

Tuesday, July 12

- 2:48 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 8:23 a.m. – Larceny (block of 36300 Eureka)
- 8:23 a.m. – Rescue (block of 38400 Tyler)
- 11:50 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 14500 Huron River Dr.)
- 5:26 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 9440 Chamberlain)
- 7:38 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 8:39 p.m. – VPHC (block of 34700 Avalon)
- 9:40 p.m. – A&B (block of 6020 Edmund)
- 11:51 p.m. – MDOP (block of 37700 Walnut)

Wednesday, July 13

- 12:05 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 1:09 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 6:34 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6750 Niagara)
- 9:09 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 1:42 p.m. – MDOP (block of 6870 Niagara)
- 4:48 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6000 Middlebelt)

Thursday, July 14

- 6:38 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 9780 Tobine)
- 7:12 a.m. – MDOP (block of 28400 Beverly)
- 12:15 p.m. – Rescue (block of 35400 E. I-94)
- 1:57 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8320 Merriman)
- 3:29 p.m. – Threats (block of 29000 Northline)
- 3:53 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 4:05 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 4:17 p.m. – Wires Down (block of 33400 Wick)
- 6:01 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 10:52 p.m. – Rescue (block of 36900 Grant)
- 11:32 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 37400 Heroux)

Friday, July 15

- 12:47 a.m. – Larceny (block of 16600 Brandt)
- 2:06 a.m. – MDOP (block of 7780 Merriman)
- 5:57 a.m. – Haz-Mat Incident (FD) (block of 8900 Middlebelt)
- 8:59 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 37400 Heroux)
- 10:10 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35700 Genron Dr.)
- 10:21 a.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 28300 Beverly)
- 12:14 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 30400 Cypress)
- 1:57 p.m. – JC/R (block of 12200 Hannan)
- 3:34 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8960 Gabriel)
- 11:37 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 34500 Beverly)
- 11:44 p.m. – Threats (block of 34300 Goddard)
- 11:57 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 11000 Delano)

Saturday, July 16

- 12:44 a.m. – Bad Checks (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 1:03 a.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 W. I-94)
- 1:53 a.m. – JC/R (block of 34400 Beverly)
- 2:04 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 5920 W. Maple)
- 5:05 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30000 Spain)
- 6:35 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28000 Northline)
- 12:03 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 39000 Buckingham Dr.)
- 1:04 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 5:08 p.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 39200 Tyler)
- 9:26 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 31500 Wick)
- 10:14 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 11000 Hannan)

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Breakfast Honors Members of School-Community Committee



Among those who attended the recent School-Community Committee Appreciation Breakfast were: (from left) front – George Stubbs, Janice Barden, Elizabeth Buckley, Joleen McCoy, and Joanne Littler; back – Salene DeFelice, John Barden, Christine Beard, Cecelia Burcroff, Shari Doktor, Releford Gamble, Ronda Luttmann, Tara Williamson, and Dontonio Thompson.

Phyllis Adkins, chairperson of the Romulus Community Schools' School-Community Committee, recently honored committee members with a special breakfast held at Merriman Elementary School. The longtime principal of Cory Elementary, who will be leaving her current post to assume the equivalent position at Romulus Middle School this fall, said that her committee members deserved some thanks and recognition for their hard work on a number of projects.

"This year," she noted, "our committee promoted a program that had each district elementary join the national Parenting Partnership Network. We

also hosted a regional workshop that examined new ways to increase parent involvement in the schools."

Adkins then referred to some of the School-Community Committee's previous achievements, including improvements in the Student-Parent-School Compact that resulted in about 1,500 parents donating more than 10,000 hours of volunteer time to the Romulus Community Schools.

The committee has additionally developed a special video presentation for new Romulus parents. The program welcomes newcomers to the school district, and helps them understand district policies and procedures. □



School-Community Committee chairperson Phyllis Adkins (left) and Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr (second from right) welcomed guests like Wick Elementary learning specialist Marge Olson (second from left) and Cory Elementary learning specialist Wendy Blohm to the breakfast. Both Olson and Blohm, who have since retired from the district, were long-time committee members.

The Police Blotter

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Sunday, July 17

- 12:00 a.m. – Loitering (block of 37500 Castle Dr.)
- 1:48 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 2:09 a.m. – Fight (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 2:40 a.m. – B&E (block of 37100 Goddard)
- 3:04 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35400 Garner)
- 3:59 a.m. – Fireworks (block of 30100 Halecreek)
- 1:38 p.m. – Threats (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 5:44 p.m. – MDOP (block of 28600 N. Maple)
- 6:36 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 9:12 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 6020 Frederic)
- 9:39 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 34000 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 10:36 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 34100 Hearst)
- 11:45 p.m. – MDOP (block of 16600 Jessica Ln.)
- 11:53 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 37500 Castle Dr.)

Monday, July 18

- 12:15 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 26400 Ellward)
- 3:54 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28600 N. Maple)
- 1:28 p.m. – Threats (block of 5970 W. Maple)
- 3:58 p.m. – MDOP (block of 5950 W. Maple)
- 10:47 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35400 Garner)
- 11:57 p.m. – VPHC (block of 6080 Colorado)

Tuesday, July 19

- 12:27 a.m. – JC/R (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 12:28 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Knoll Way)
- 1:35 a.m. – Fight (block of 6450 Gloria)
- 8:20 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 31400 Merriman Pl.)
- 9:40 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8210 Merriman)
- 10:05 a.m. – MDOP (block of 9650 Tobine)
- 3:19 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 3:26 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 5:25 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 6:09 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35800 Ronald)
- 6:37 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 28500 Leroy)
- 7:57 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 7:57 p.m. – A&B (block of 14800 New York)
- 8:22 p.m. – Fight (block of 8230 Merriman)

- 10:10 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28800 Burning Tree Pl.)
- 10:50 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 11000 Delano)

Wednesday, July 20

- 7:04 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 37800 Walnut)
- 8:55 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 9:32 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6710 Merriman)
- 12:20 p.m. – UDAA (block of 13200 Middlebelt)
- 1:39 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 32200 Ecorse)
- 3:55 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:05 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:10 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15400 Collins)
- 6:27 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 35700 Goddard)
- 6:36 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6380 Cordell)
- 7:05 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 29100 Wick)
- 7:19 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 10:09 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6100 Colorado)

Thursday, July 21

- 2:16 a.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 6:08 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8840 Whitehorn)
- 9:25 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15300 Oakwood Dr.)
- 10:04 a.m. – Larceny (block of 7680 Merriman)
- 10:56 a.m. – B&E (block of 34800 Ecorse)
- 11:12 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 31000 Ecorse)
- 12:02 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35400 Wick)
- 2:01 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15500 Meadow)
- 2:07 p.m. – MDOP (block of 35600 Vinewood)
- 4:40 p.m. – JC/R (block of 16300 Cork Tree)
- 5:10 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 11300 Wahrman)
- 5:56 p.m. – Threats (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 7:19 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9510 Biddle)
- 7:37 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 5890 Georgia)
- 8:54 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 15000 Pond Way)

Friday, July 22

- 12:29 a.m. – B&E (block of 7020 Shawnee)
- 1:02 a.m. – Loitering (block of 30100 Elm Ln.)
- 1:52 a.m. – JC/R (block of 9510 Biddle)

- 1:58 a.m. – B&E (block of 35600 Van Born)
- 3:27 a.m. – Fight (block of 6040 Georgia)
- 7:07 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6050 Washington)
- 9:55 a.m. – Heath & Safety (block of 38600 Wyoming)
- 12:36 p.m. – Threats (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 1:31 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 38600 Wyoming)
- 2:14 p.m. – Homicide (block of 38000 E. I-94)
- 2:52 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 37500 Huron River Dr.)
- 4:20 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Ecorse)
- 5:05 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 5820 Middlebelt)
- 5:44 p.m. – MDOP (block of 35300 Eureka)
- 5:55 p.m. – Threats (block of 15700 Anthony)
- 7:24 p.m. – VPHC (block of 16400 Ironstone)
- 7:57 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 10:26 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 7020 Niagara)
- 10:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27600 Pennsylvania)
- 11:26 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 15700 Woodmont)

Saturday, July 23

- 12:30 a.m. – Fight (block of 28700 Halecreek)
- 12:45 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 34600 Julie)
- 1:07 a.m. – Fireworks (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 3:10 a.m. – CSC (block of 36900 Porter)
- 3:25 p.m. – VPHC (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 7:54 a.m. – Threats (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 9:24 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35400 Smith)
- 3:12 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)

- 4:11 p.m. – MDOP (block of 28800 Leroy)
- 5:39 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9300 Wayne)
- 6:42 p.m. – B&E (block of 28800 Highland)
- 8:17 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 8950 Gabriel)
- 8:48 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 12900 Hannan)
- 9:11 p.m. – VPHC (block of 32100 Bruce)
- 9:34 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 11:34 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35200 Michele)

Sunday, July 24

- 12:07 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 12:25 a.m. – JC/R (block of 15300 Merriman)
- 12:58 a.m. – OUIL (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 1:26 a.m. – A&B (block of 6770 Merriman)
- 3:34 a.m. – OUIL (block of 6150 Inkster)
- 5:53 a.m. – UDAA (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 8:34 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 9:12 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5880 Metro)
- 11:33 a.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 34600 Julie)
- 12:46 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9400 Biddle)
- 2:43 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 11200 Metro Airport Center Dr.)
- 3:40 p.m. – UDAA (block of 30400 Ecorse)
- 4:44 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 8:03 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 29700 California)
- 11:08 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 15900 Anthony)
- 11:10 p.m. – JC/R (block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 11:49 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16300 Inkster) □

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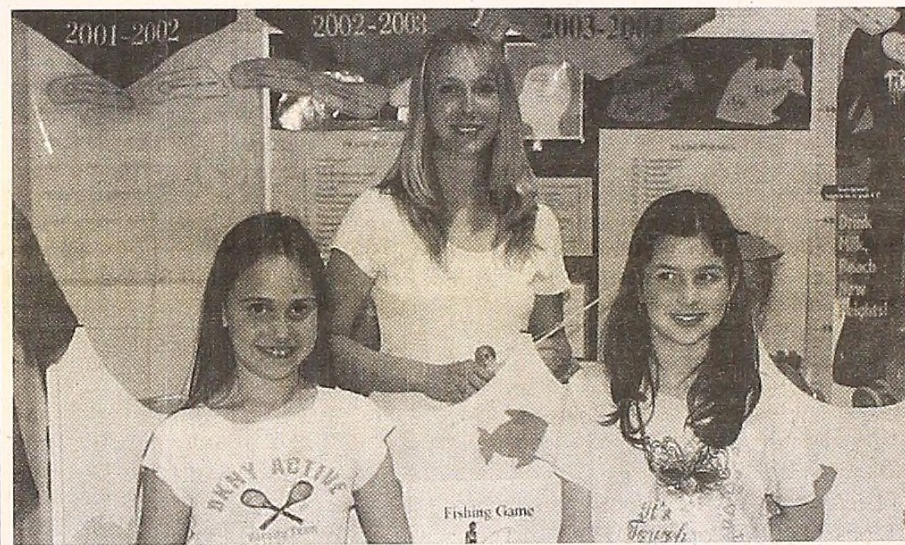
Barth Elementary School's annual Spring Fair, organized by Becky Montroy (left) and Theresa Blizman, was a big success.



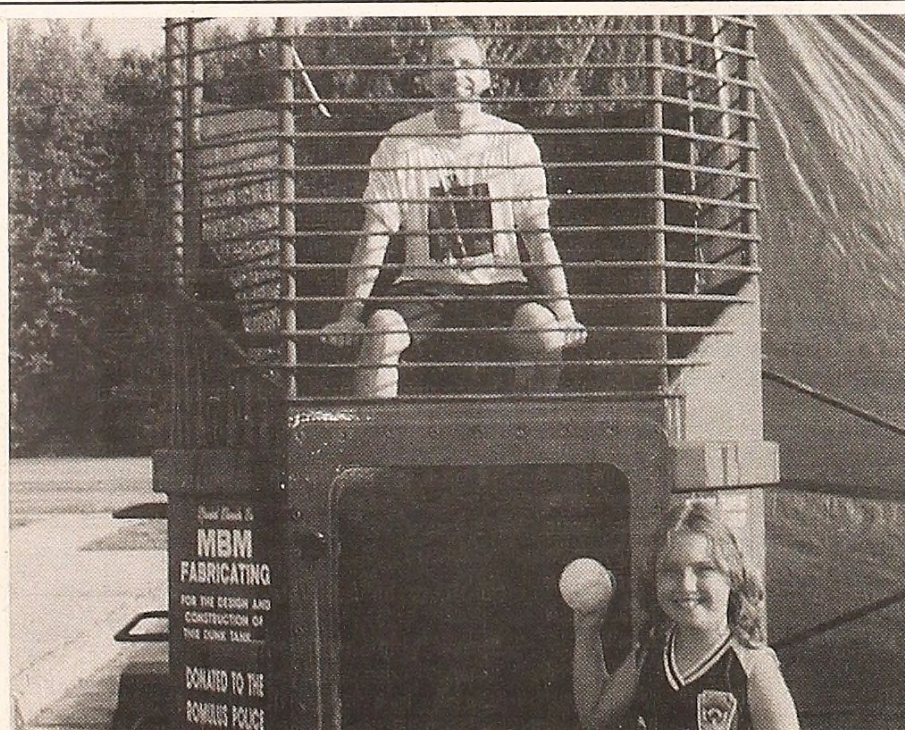
Barbara Ann and Tori Snyder increased their odds of winning a prize by purchasing plenty of raffle tickets.



The roulette game, run by Lisa Evitts (right), was enjoyed by (left, from top) Juan, Trisha, Jada, and Jaimeson Street.



(From left) Kayla Bunyak, Lisa Laura, and Erin Grapes tried to catch a few fish.

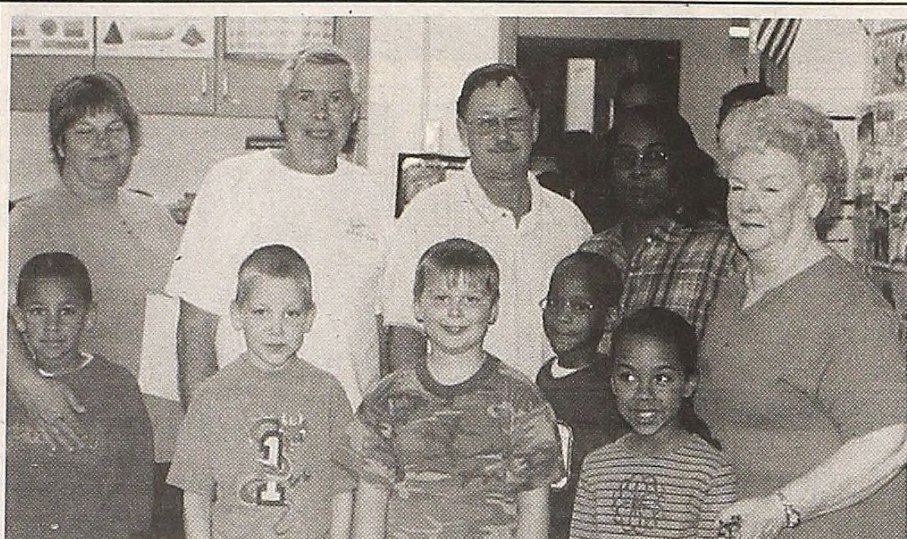


Cheyenne Adams (front) got a kick out of dunking Jason Mesko several times.



(From left) Jessica New, Bethany Elam, Jeane Elam, and Becky Oz worked on finding the winning ducks.

Grandparents Day



Cory Elementary's annual Grandparents Day was a smashing success. Among the crowd of attendees were: (from left) front – Quandral Thompson, Luke Hojnowski, Kyle Hensley, Chris Irby, and Cheyana Carney; back – Sandy Van Nimwegen, Don Modrynski, Leonard Silvey, Venetia Irby, and Joyce Melow.



Also on hand for the festive event were: (from left) front – Zachary Ward, Kharee Kimber, Destiny Leach, Alexis Bass, and Gabrielle Dancy; back – Rick Ward, Gwen Fennoy, Phyllis English, and Annie Flowers.



Still others who took part in the fun were: (from left) front – Bill Wells, Dorian Fleming, Shaney Bowers, and Anthony Bowers; back – Estella Harding, Robbie Thomason, Clare Fleming, Sandy VanNimwegen, Paula Wheeler, and Henry Wheeler.

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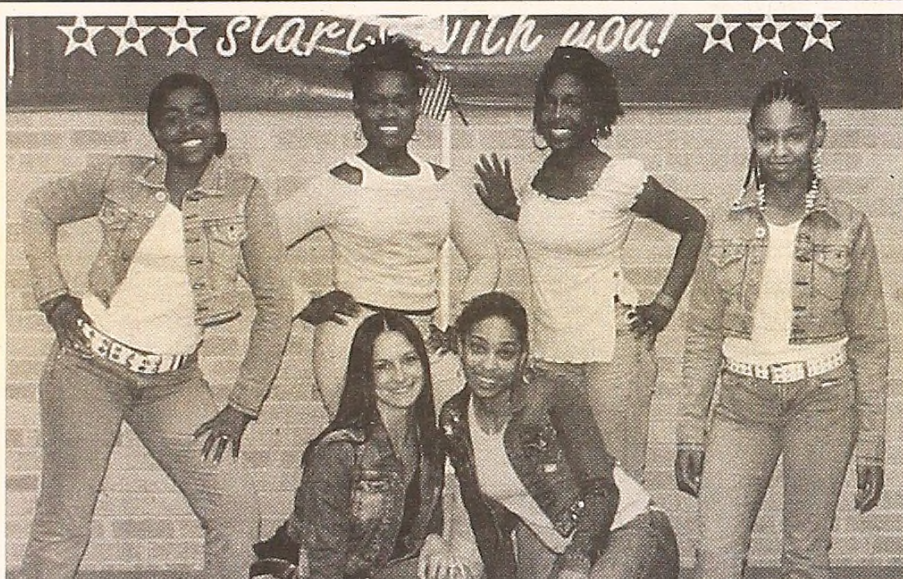
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RMS Brass Section Shines Bright



Preparing for their Spring Concert were Romulus Middle School's brass players: (from left) front – Brandon Gregg, Ciara Turner, Melissa Griffith, Kaela Torres, Melissa Dufore, and Brittany Rodgers; back – Pat Thompson, Brad Burcroff, Raymond Kraft, Geridan St. Peter, and Jack Storms.

RHS Dance Groups Delight



Romulus High School's dance students gave an outstanding spring recital. This group featured: (from left) front – Stephanie Hindman and Danielle Butler; back – Tempest Willis, Ryann Norfleet, Courtnee Briggs, and Brittany Perry.



Also performing in the annual recital were: (from left) front – Kristen Averett, Sha'Tarra Johnson, and Brittany Jones; back – Latara Steele, Ja'Mesha Granberry, Sherika Wester, Sasha Wade, and Kenyetta Davis.

Retirement Parties



Halecreek Elementary School's students and staff members held a surprise retirement party for current and former retirees. Among those who attended the event were: (from left) Howard Miller, Cathy Kudra, Cheryl Brackney, Sharon Silveri, Nancy O'Connor, Mary Ann Bush, and Candace Walters.



Romulus High School staff members also gave a party for their retiring colleagues. Attendees included: (from left) front – Donald Kobane, Tom Tiplady, Joyce Bujak, Phyllis Wilkerson, and Rosalie Berlinn; back – Sam Olive, Jean Voight, Bill Barnes, and Ronald Bayes.

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Board Resolutions Acknowledge Retirees' Career Highlights



Among those who attended the Board of Education's July 25 ceremony honoring 15 Romulus Community Schools retirees were (from left) Nancy O'Connor, Kathryn Motyka, Cathleen Kudra, and Howard Miller.



Additional "retirement resolution" honorees included (from left) Christine Julvezan, Gretchen Firestone, Barbara Jaszcz, Ronald Bayes, and William Barnes.

On Monday, July 25, the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education honored 15 recent retirees with personalized resolutions of appreciation that enumerated many highlights of their decades-long careers.

Retirees acknowledged for their dedication and achievements were:

William Barnes

William Barnes retired after 36 years of teaching industrial arts and English at Romulus High School. Over the years, his assignments included classes in construction technology, building trades, small engines, mechanics, and welding.

Barnes was commended for his work as a newspaper/journalism advisor and his *Eagle Press Magazine*, and was praised for "the positive, supportive approach he used when working with students and peers." He was also noted for his support of the RHS "Student of the Month" and "Vocational Education Week" programs, as well as his contributions to the English MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) Outcomes Committee. Barnes was additionally recognized for his work as a work-site and building trades project leader on CETA summer welding programs.

Ronald Bayes

Ronald Bayes gave 35 years of service as a junior high and high school English and social studies teacher before his retirement.

Bayes was commended for his inclusion in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers* and for the "obvious amount of extra time he spent developing a creative writing magazine" at Romulus High School. He was also cited for his contributions to the English MEAP Outcomes Committee and the I-Search Project, as well as for his outstanding "Writing Room" staff presentations. Bayes was additionally noted for work as Student Council advisor and advisor to the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. He was further praised for his coaching work that included assistant coaching assignments in football and boys' basketball, and

head coaching assignments in girls' track and basketball, during which he led the RHS Lady Eagles to consecutive league championships.

Wendy Blohm

Wendy Blohm retired after an exemplary 32-year career as a teacher and learning specialist at Cory Elementary School.

Blohm was recognized for her extensive involvement with committee work on kindergarten screening and testing, language arts, and district-wide in-service training programs. She was also commended for her outstanding presentations to the Board of Education and her work as the district's MEAP testing coordinator. Blohm received additional praise for her important contributions to the School Improvement Team, Gifted/Talented Program, New-teacher Mentor Program, and Summer MEAP Academy. She was further lauded as an educator who was a "consummate professional who exceeded district standards in all areas," and who "served as a model teacher to her colleagues." Blohm's retirement resolution concluded with recognition of her support for the district's 1991 bond technology program and her work as a temporary principal at Cory Elementary School.

Cherryl Brackney

Cherryl Brackney dedicated 36 years as a teacher and learning specialist at Mt. Pleasant, Barth, and Halecreek elementary schools.

Brackney was recognized for her educational leadership as a teacher mentor and her work on the Math Textbook Selection, Positive Discipline, and Language Arts Curriculum committees. She was also commended for her mini-grant project on Lego technology that taught students about machines and mechanical principles. Brackney received additional praise for her work on the Young Authors' Conference at Oakland University and for her after-school work on DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduations, student programs, and year-end activities. She

was further noted as a "master-level teacher who actively pursued district strategies and initiative, who worked extremely well with staff members, and who maintained an excellent classroom atmosphere."

Gretchen Firestone

Gretchen Firestone retired after 30 years of service as a teacher at Romulus Middle School and Gordonier, Wick, and Merriman elementary schools.

Firestone was recognized for the many positive relationships she developed with students during her time as the media specialist at Romulus Middle School, and for her contributions to the PEACE, Reading Textbook, and Discipline committees. She was also commended for her work organizing the Middle School Advisor-Advisee Workshop and for her leadership on the Technology Committee, School Restructuring Committee, and School Improvement Team.

Firestone was additionally noted for her work with the Romulus Education Association.

Barbara Jaszcz

Barbara Jaszcz gave 32 years as an elementary teacher and literacy coach at Mt. Pleasant, Cory, Merriman, and Romulus elementary schools.

Jaszcz was commended for her work developing district professional development and grade-level in-service programs. She was also recognized for the important contributions she made to the School Improvement Team and to the Language Arts, Reading, and Mathematics textbook selection committees. Jaszcz was noted for her work on science night and multi-cultural celebrations. She was additionally lauded for her work as a new-teacher mentor and for authoring a successful Eisenhower Mini-grant. Jaszcz was further praised as "an exceptional teacher who was dedicated to optimal student instruction, and who maintained excellent parental communication."

Christine Julvezan

Christine Julvezan retired after 28 years as a teacher and counselor. She

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- Donald Kobane (special education teacher, RHS; 28 years)
- Cathleen Kudra (kindergarten teacher, HES; 32 years)
- Mary Mahon (bus driver, Romulus Community Schools; 28 years)
- Howard Miller (industrial technology teacher, RMS; 32 years)
- Kathryn Motyka (third-grade teacher, Barth Elementary School; 34 years)
- Joseph Murphy (CSR coordinator, CES; 31 years)
- Nancy O'Connor (art teacher, HES/MES/RES; 30 years)
- Sam Olive (psychologist, RHS; 33 years)
- Marge Olson (learning specialist, WES; 32 years)
- Carol Pastrick (mathematics teacher, RMS; 27 years)
- Christine Powers (assistant principal, RMS; 36 years)
- Cynthia Price (fourth-grade teacher, CES; 30 years)
- Sharon Silveri (principal, HES; 36 years)
- Sandra Slater (fifth-grade teacher, Romulus Elementary School; 28 years)
- Laura Smith (kindergarten teacher, Merriman Elementary School; 30 years)
- Thomas Tiplady (special education teacher, RHS; 36 years)
- Jean Voight (security guard, RHS; 26 years)
- Candace Walters (literary coach, HES; 35 years)
- Phyllis Wilkerson (life management teacher, RHS; 28 years)

See opposite page for photos. □

District Retirees



Principal Phyllis Adkins (center) congratulated Cory Elementary's retirees: (from left) CSRD coordinator Joseph Murphy, literary coach Barbara Jaszcz, learning specialist Wendy Blohm, and teacher Cynthia Price.



The retirees from Wick Elementary were (from left) CSRD coordinator Charles Kidwell, teacher Vera Otis-Fields, and learning specialist Marge Olson.



Middle School retirees included (from left) counselor Christine Julvezan, principal Melvin Kimbrough, and assistant principal Christine Powers.



Additional retirees from the Middle School included media specialist Gretchen Firestone (left) and teacher Carol Pastrick.



Teacher Kathryn Motyka retired from Barth Elementary School.



Retiring from Romulus Elementary School was teacher Sandra Slater.



Teacher Laura Smith retired from Merriman Elementary School.

Romulus Community Schools

CALENDAR FOR THE 2005–2006 SCHOOL YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER

W	August 31	First Day of School (Full Day of Classes)
F	September 2	No School
M	September 5	Labor Day – No School
Tu	September 6	No School for Students; Full Day for Staff (Professional Development)
W	September 7	Classes Resume
W	September 21	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools (Professional Development)
Th	October 20	Half Day of School for All Schools (Professional Development)
Th	October 27	Parent Conferences at Romulus High School (3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.)
F	November 4	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Assessments/End of First Marking Period)
Th	November 10	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (4:30 to 8 p.m.)
Tu	November 15	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (4:30 to 8 p.m.)
W	November 16	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Professional Development)
W	November 16	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (3 to 6 p.m.)
Th	November 17	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools (Professional Development)
Tu	November 22	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (5 to 8 p.m.)
Th	November 24	Thanksgiving Day – No School
F	November 25	No School
M	November 28	Classes Resume
Tu	December 6	Half Day of School for All Schools (Professional Development)
F	December 16	Winter Recess Begins at the End of the Day
M	January 2	Classes Resume
M	January 16	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Tu	January 24	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
W	January 25	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	January 26	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
F	January 27	Records Day – End of First Semester – No School

SECOND SEMESTER

M	January 30	Second Semester Begins
Th	February 9	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (3 to 7 p.m.)
F	February 10	Half Day of School for All Schools (Professional Development)
Th	February 23	Mid-Winter Break – No School
F	February 24	Mid-Winter Break – No School
M	February 27	Mid-Winter Break – No School
Tu	February 28	Classes Resume
Tu	March 7	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Professional Development)
Th	March 9	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (5 to 8 p.m.)
Th	March 9	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools (Professional Development)
Th	March 23	Parent Conferences at Romulus High School (3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.)
F	April 7	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Assessments/End of Third Marking Period)
F	April 14	Good Friday – Spring Break Begins – No School
M	April 24	Classes Resume
M	May 29	Memorial Day – No School
Tu	June 13	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
W	June 14	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	June 15	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	June 15	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Assessments)
F	June 16	Records Day – End of Second Semester – No School

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taught adolescent life, mathematics, physical education, and communications classes, and was a counselor at the Alternative Middle School, Romulus Middle School, and Romulus High School.

Julvezan was recognized for the extra time she gave to events such as graduation and Business Professionals of America competitions, and the adjudication of DECA career development competitions. She was also commended for her work with after-school tutorial programs as well as for her perfect attendance records. Julvezan was additionally lauded for developing the Comprehensive Guidance Center program at the Middle School and for her "extra planning and preparation that meet individual student needs." She was further praised as a "highly professional teacher who extends herself to reach students, both in and out of the classroom."

Charles Kidwell

Charles Kidwell retired after 36 years of highly distinguished service as a Romulus Middle School social studies teacher/department head and CSRD (Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration) grant coordinator at Wick Elementary School.

Kidwell was commended as a "dedicated professional" for his extensive efforts on projects such as the American Indian Symposium, Democracy on the Green program, and social studies fairs. He was also recognized for organizing and directing eight-grade field trips to Mackinac Island and Washington, D.C., and for organizing the career project program that had students develop portfolios of their seventh-through twelfth-grade educational experiences. Kidwell received additional recognition for supervising extra school projects such as open house and overnight programs, parent nights, dances, athletic events, and after-school tutorial sessions. He was further lauded for his important contributions to the School Improvement Team, the NCA (North Central Association) Team, and the school newspaper.

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Cathleen Kudra

Cathleen Kudra retired after an exemplary 32-year career that included positions at Mt. Pleasant Head Start and Hayti, Merriman, Wick, and Halecreek elementary schools.

Kudra distinguished herself through extra efforts such as mentoring new teachers and supervising the district's cooperative student teacher program with Western Michigan University. She was lauded as a "master teacher who consistently exceeded district standards, made home visits, and tirelessly served her students, school, and community." Kudra was also commended for her special Halecreek kindergarten initiatives such as the Book Buddy cross-age tutoring program and her Scientist of the Week, Child for the Day, and Grandparents Day programs. She was additionally praised for her leadership on the School Improvement Team and the Language Arts and Multi-cultural committees. Kudra maintained excellent relationships with parents, was the staff representative to the Parent Booster Association, and helped to organize science nights and spring fairs.

Howard Miller

Howard Miller retired after 32 years of teaching at the elementary and secondary levels. He taught at Romulus High School, Romulus Middle School, and both North and South Junior High School, as well as at Cory and Halecreek elementary schools.

Miller was commended for being "innovative and dynamic in the classroom" and for "organizing the most successful Junior Achievement Program that [the district] had had." He was also recognized for giving his own time to before- and after-school tutoring opportunities for students. Miller was additionally noted for his outstanding service as a mentor to new teachers and his work on the Halecreek Spelling Bee. His work on the Curriculum Committee and professional development programs brought him further acclaim. An administrator lauded him as "a true professional who performs his duties with the utmost efficiency and ability."

Kathryn Motyka

Kathryn Motyka gave 34 years of distinguished service as an elementary teacher at Harrison, Halecreek, Wick, and Barth schools.

Motyka was recognized as "an instructional leader among her peers" who had "high expectations for her students" and "cared very much about their learning." She was commended for her work on the Technology, Science, Report Card, and Promotion and Retention committees, as well as the Math Curriculum Audit. Motyka was also noted for service as PTA advisor at Halecreek Elementary and for her contributions to the annual spring fair. She was additionally

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tionally lauded for her mentoring work with new teachers and her frequent perfect attendance records.

Joseph Murphy

Joseph Murphy retired after 31 years of service as a highly distinguished educator who had teaching assignments at Hayti, Halecreek, and Cory elementary schools and Romulus Middle School. He was also a CSRD grant coordinator at Wick Elementary.

Murphy was commended for his numerous contributions to committees that worked on school improvement, discipline, and mathematics, as well as science and reading textbook selection. He was also recognized for his work as a new-teacher mentor, Middle School

Social Studies Department head, and newspaper advisor. Murphy received additional praise for winning a Wayne County RESA (Regional Educational Services Agency) mini-grant, for his work on the PEACE Committee, and for his exemplary attendance record. He was further lauded for "his excellent student incentive programs, his enthusiasm and interest in teaching," and for "his high level of professionalism."

Nancy O'Connor

Nancy O'Connor retired after 30 years of service as a classroom teacher and art teacher. She had assignments at Hayti, Barth, Halecreek, Wick, Merri-man, Cory, and Romulus elementary schools.

O'Connor was commended for the

many outstanding art projects that her students presented at WC RESA art fairs, Eastern Michigan University children's art shows, and exhibits at the Romulus Public Library. She was also recognized for the additional student art work frequently displayed at the district's administrative office and at local Wendy's restaurants. Additional praise came from quotes such as "O'Connor's students brightened our hallways and spirits with colorful projects, and she instilled enthusiasm for the artistic process in her students." A final notation of excellence stated that "the high quality of [her] students' work shows extraordinary effort on [her] part."

Sam Olive

Sam Olive retired after a 33-year

career as a psychologist. He worked at every one of the district's schools during his tenure.

Olive was recognized for his service as regional director on the Michigan Association of School Psychologists and for his excellent work on a series of special district presentations entitled "Early Childhood Development," "Adolescence Through Junior High," and "Motivation and Homework." He was also commended for authoring a dyslexia grant and for organizing a symposium on diagnosing and treating children with severe reading difficulties. Olive was additionally praised for his work as Romulus High School's Intervention Team co-chair, where he helped

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PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 27, 2005

The Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, June 27, 2005, was called to order by President Cheryle Buckley at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call showed members Buckley, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, and Niema White present. Members April Frayer and Thomas Kuderik were excused. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum. Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

BUDGET HEARING – 6:15 p.m.

Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, presented the Budget for the Romulus Community Schools for the 2005–2006 school year in the amount of \$38,961,993. Mr. Routhier addressed questions and concerns of Board members.

Member April Frayer entered the Meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Several citizens had questions related to school finances and their property taxes.

- Kim Jones asked about a possible millage reduction and budget proposal.
- Jay Finch asked if there would be any relief with taxes, and praised the school district for turning around his daughter's education.
- Lorrie Green questioned the taxes and also asked about the possibility of a referendum.
- Cynthia Harris requested a different day for School Board meetings.
- Carmelita E. Brown asked what procedures the Romulus school district had in place for checking residency of students.
- Danielle Funderburg questioned why the commercial millage was less than 18 mills.
- Marcia Barnes questioned what the Board of Education was doing to lower her taxes.

Superintendent Carr explained the budget situation for the State of Michigan, noting that we have received the same amount of money for the past three years while our health-care insurance, retirement, and utility costs have risen. Superintendent Carr additionally addressed the issue of the inequities of Proposal "A" that result in much higher taxes for people who purchase new homes. Furthermore, he recommended that Romulus residents contact their state representative, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, and their state senator, Raymond Basham, about their concerns. Superintendent Carr also complimented Representative Hopgood and Senator Basham for their strong support of public education.

The Board convened in Regular Session at 7:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/05/13 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6/05/14 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2005 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, offered the following Personnel Actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Sarah Coulter, First-grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005; Monica Harris, First-grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005; Jay Schmitt, Mathematics Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2005; and Stephanie Wagle, First-grade Teacher, Barth Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005.

6/05/15 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the Board of Education

accept the employment of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Teneka Singleton, Language Arts Teacher, Romulus High School, Last Day Worked – June 17, 2005.

6/05/16 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the resignation of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

6/05/17 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adoption of Budget

6/05/18 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education approve the Finance Committee's recommendation and adopt the 2005–2006 Budget as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Investment Policy

6/05/19 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education adopt the attached Investment Policy, per GASB 40, and direct this change be incorporated into the district policy. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Tom Haynes, a coach for Romulus Little League, presented a letter to the Board about not being able to use the High School field for Junior Division games.

Ms. Dianne Druyor, President of the Romulus Little League, reiterated that she also had talked to Mark Woodson, and was told to use the Middle School field. The entire Board felt that they needed to come to them earlier because it was too late to do anything about it this year.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Barth Newsletter – May; 2) Summer Camp Itineraries; 3) Thank You – Al Wilkerson and Rebecca Pek; 4) Communication – Wick Summer Fun; 5) Congratulations Wick Elementary Staff; 6) Congratulations Romulus Elementary School Staff; 7) Congratulations Barth, Cory, Halecreek, and Merriman Elementary Schools; 8) Juriga Memo to Archway Employees; 9) Hoon-Yung Hopgood Memo; 10) Personnel Committee 2004–2005 Summary.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Niema White questioned sport camp session start times for morning and afternoon.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi stated that she attended three of the Moving Up ceremonies, and that they were excellent.

All Board members attended various Moving Up ceremonies, and thought that they were outstanding.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz spoke about the original Proposition A and B. In 1994, one pretty much had to vote for Proposition A because Proposition B was so bad. He also talked about students that folks feel don't live in our district. He stated that, if they show proper credentials, we have to enroll them. He stated that the courts would rule against us if we don't admit them.

ADJOURNMENT:

6/05/20 Moved by White supported by Lenossi that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

RMS Honors All-year All-A Students



Romulus Middle School students who maintained a 4.0 GPA all year included: (from left) front – Louis Hill, Jazmyn Jones, Caitlynn Lefler, Brianna Shreve, Ciara Turner, Sheila Watts, and Samantha Watson; back – Derek Bennett, Justin Jadzinski, Victoria Mangham, Sheila Reeves, Kazam Sheikh, Ashley Wagle, Krystal Wegrzyn, and Ashlee Hood.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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STATUTORY MEETING, JULY 11, 2005

The Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 11, 2005, was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Superintendent Joel R. Carr.

Roll call showed members Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, Niema White, and Thomas Kuderik present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Carr.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, asked for nominations.

Nominations Opened for the Office of President

Moved by Lenossi supported by White to nominate member Frayer. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of President was closed. Member Frayer elected President unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Vice-president

Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to nominate member Roscoe. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Vice-president was closed. Member Roscoe elected Vice-president unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Secretary

Moved by White supported by Lenossi to nominate member Mientkiewicz. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Secretary was closed. Member Mientkiewicz elected Secretary unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Treasurer

Moved by Lenossi supported by Kuderik to nominate member White. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Treasurer was closed. Member White elected Treasurer unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES:

7/05/1 Moved by Lenossi supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education name Comerica, National City, and Bank One to continue as depositories, and that the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents requiring two of the five actual signatures of facsimile signatures. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

7/05/2 Moved by Buckley supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education schedule their meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the 2005/2006 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF AUDITOR:

7/05/3 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education employ the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel to act as auditors for the Board of Education for the 2005/2006 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF ATTORNEYS:

7/05/4 Moved by White supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education employ the firm of Keller Thoma, P.C. and Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 2005/2006 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS POLICIES:

7/05/5 Moved by Buckley supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education adopt the existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/05/6 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- **Belleville Art Colony** – Every Friday in August, from 4 to 8 p.m., the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will host its annual Belleville Art Colony in the 4th Street Square. Professional and nonprofessional artists are welcome to participate. Call 734-697-7151 for more information.
- **Chamber Hosts Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Outing fund-raiser on Thursday, August 25, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne). Registration will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast and practice-range session; shotgun start time is 11 a.m. The event will conclude with a banquet/awards program at 4 p.m. Prize categories will include Hole-in-One and Closest-to-Pin; door prizes and raffles will also be featured. Cost is \$120 per player. Deadline for registration is Friday, August 12. For more information, contact Karen La Belle at the Chamber (9191 Wickham Road; 734-326-4290) or call David Goodwin (734-287-2400).
- **Head Start Hosts Summer Screenings** – Romulus Head Start (located in the Burton Center at 35408 Beverly Road) has planned a summer screening event for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, for parents who want to enroll their preschoolers in the program. Parents of children who will be 3 years old on or before December 1, 2005, and who meet various other requirements (call 734-532-1900 for details), may register. During the screening program, children may also be checked for the following: height, weight, blood pressure, hemoglobin, lead, hearing, vision, and dental health; ESI testing may be done, as well. Note: The following materials should be brought to registration: the child's birth certificate, child's and parent's Social Security cards, child's immunization records, child's doctors' names/addresses; parent's proof of residency (valid driver's license or state ID), family's health insurance card(s), parent's proof of employment, and income proofs such as W-2 or 1040 forms or FIA/TANF breakdowns. Please allow at least one hour to complete the registration process.
- **Childhood Immunization Clinics Offered** – Oakwood Healthcare System is offering free childhood immunization clinics (Dtap, Hib, Polio/IPV, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal Conjugate/PCV, and Td) on four different dates: Saturday, **August 27**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Surgical Center Main Lobby (east entrance) at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (33155 Annapolis Avenue, Wayne); Monday, **August 29**, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Medical Office Building (first floor, outpatient radiology suite) of the Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (5450 Fort Street, Trenton); Wednesday, **August 31**, in the Atrium (near the Outpatient Pharmacy) of Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center (18101 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn); and Wednesday, **September 7**, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Main Lobby of Oakwood Heritage Hospital (10000 Telegraph Road, Taylor). To be eligible for the immunizations, a child must either be enrolled in Medicaid; have no health insurance; be enrolled in a health plan that does not cover immunizations; or be an American Indian. Parents *must* bring their child(ren)'s immunization records to the clinics. For information, call Lisa Rutledge (313-586-5492).
- **RHS Class of 1975 Plans 30-year Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1975 will hold its 30-year Reunion on Saturday, September 24, at Lyskawa VFW Hall (Dearborn Heights). For more information, contact Peggy (Stears) Staten (call 734-941-7464 or e-mail pstaten75@yahoo.com).
- **New Life Baptist Church Welcomes You!** – New Life Baptist Church invites the public to attend weekly worship services on Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Road, Belleville). For more information, call Reverend Billy J. Hailes, pastor, at 734-697-8968, or send an e-mail to smmajcgi2002.
- **Open Arms Lutheran Church** – Open Arms Lutheran Church (7865 Belleville Road, Belleville) invites the public to worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday. For more information, call Reverend Jim Richter at 734-699-5000.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open** – Romulus Community Schools continues to accept enrollment for its all-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs for the 2005–2006 school year. Children who will be five years old as of December 1, 2005, are eligible. For more information, contact the district's administrative office: 734-941-1600.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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develop a cooperative working arrangement between district social workers and the Romulus Adolescent Health Center. He was further lauded for his contributions to district bond and millage programs, and for "showing pride in his work" and for "the many valuable ideas he suggested and implemented."

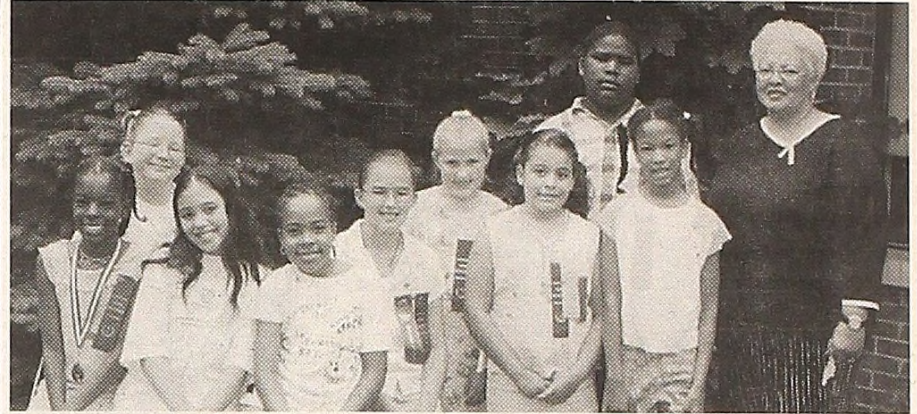
Marge Olson

Marge Olson retired after a highly successful and distinguished 32-year as an elementary teacher and learning specialist. She had assignments at the Junior High School as well as Hayti, Cory, and Wick elementary schools.

Olson was commended as "an instructional leader among the district's learning specialists" who helped Wick

Elementary achieve exemplary high-80s/low-90s scores on the MEAP this year. She was also recognized for her leadership on the School Improvement Team, the Summer MEAP Academy, and committees that worked on assertive discipline, the "Language Arts Guide," and kindergarten screening. Olson was additionally praised for giving her own time to after-school activities such as multi-cultural and science nights, school plays, and parent "meet and eat" dinners. She was further noted for her work on district bond and millage programs. Closing remarks lauded Olson for having "an uncompromising dedication to her students"; for being "very well organized"; and for her "outstanding work with classroom teachers."

Cory "Principal's Honor Roll" Students



Principal Phyllis Adkins (right) proudly presented some of her school's 4.0 students from grades three through five: (from left) Megan Davis, Cheyenne Chapman, Macee Logerstedt, Daijha Williams, Kim Stone, Kayla Bryk, Gabrielle Miller, Aaron Landfair, and Briana Bohannon.

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36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

REGULAR MEETING, JULY 11, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 11, 2005, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryl Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; and Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/05/7 Moved by White supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

7/05/8 Moved by Roscoe supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board approve the Minutes of the Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting of June 27, 2005, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Shannon Collum, Language Arts Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2005; Sean Dailor, Biology/Mathematics Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2005; Erin Darichuk, Biology Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2005; Kristin Duncan, Special Education Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005; Tammy Hartley, Third-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005; Karen Isaacson, Special Education Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2005; Paquita Simmons, First-grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005; Shanda Theis, Art Teacher, Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2005; Amy Walkowiak, Resource Room Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005; Lisa Willerick, Life Management Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2005; and Kevin Wine, Multimedia Teacher, Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2005.

7/05/9 Moved by Buckley supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education accept employment of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION – FYI: Cynthia Carron Jones, Teacher Assistant, MSRP, Burton Center, Effective June 9, 2005; Marilyn Philip, Teacher Assistant, MSRP, Burton Center, Effective June 9, 2005; Wendy Podpura, Child Care Giver, My Friends & Me, Effective July 1, 2005; and Tanay Pushies, Meal Packer, Cafeteria, Romulus High School, Effective June 2, 2005.

Bills for Payment

7/05/10 Moved by Buckley supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

District Memberships

7/05/11 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan Association of School Boards at a cost of \$5,621.00 for the 2005–2006 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/05/12 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2005–2006 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/05/13 Moved by White supported by Buckley that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies for the 2005–2006 school year at a cost of \$2,064.85. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/05/14 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Middle Cities Education Association for the 2005–2006 school year at a cost of \$6,788.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/05/15 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the National School Boards Association for the 2005–2006 school year at a cost of \$3,350.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Board members are to let President Frayer know of their interests for serving on various Board committees. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Thank You – Don Foley; 2) Thank You – CHS Parents; 3) Letter of Compliment – State and Federal Office of School Improvement; 4) Communication – Rhonda Henry; 5) Thank You from Parent to Merriman Staff; 6) Thank You to Staff from Debbie Juriga; 7) Communication to Middle School Parents from Phyllis Adkins; 8) Continuation of Reading First Grant; 9) Childhood Immunization Flyer; 10) Romulus Middle School Football Communication; 11) Barth Elementary – Year-end Report; 12) Cory Elementary – Year-end Report; and 13) Halecreek Elementary – Year-end Report.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Thomas Kuderik questioned Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, about MASB membership and the offer of one free CBA class for newly elected Board members, and asked if this was available last year.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi commented about the end-of-year reports from schools, and how she enjoyed reading about each school and its various classroom activities.

Mrs. Celeste Roscoe mentioned school physicals and immunizations from the Romulus Adolescent Health Center at the High School, and noted that parents need to call 734-941-1400 to make an appointment.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz questioned about computer server costs and not being used, and also mentioned that warranty and service contracts are running out. Mr. Mientkiewicz further requested that the High School Principal come to the Board meeting to discuss the High School discipline policy, and mentioned that Mrs. Buckley had made two previous requests. Mr. Mientkiewicz also asked about repair work for the girls' softball field, High School baseball field, and Middle School baseball field.

Mrs. Niema White spoke about Oakwood Healthcare System Free Childhood Immunization Clinics in August and September. For further information, call 313-586-5492.

Mr. Thomas Kuderik asked about the High School auditorium lighting being repaired, and if work had been started (and, if not, when).

ADJOURNMENT:

7/05/16 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to adjourn the Meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

RES Spring Fair



Niema White (back, right), chair of the Romulus Elementary Spring Fair, greeted: (from left) front – Alazandra, Brendon, and Anthony Zuniga; Oneka Miller; and Jada Brown; back – Sonja Zuniga and Sheila Hill.



(Back, from left) Dan McAnally and Keeuna Stephens served hot dogs to fair participants, including: (from left) front – Tyler Roehrich and Kathryn Roehrich; back – Gail Howard, Theresa Susewitz, and Paula Valentik.



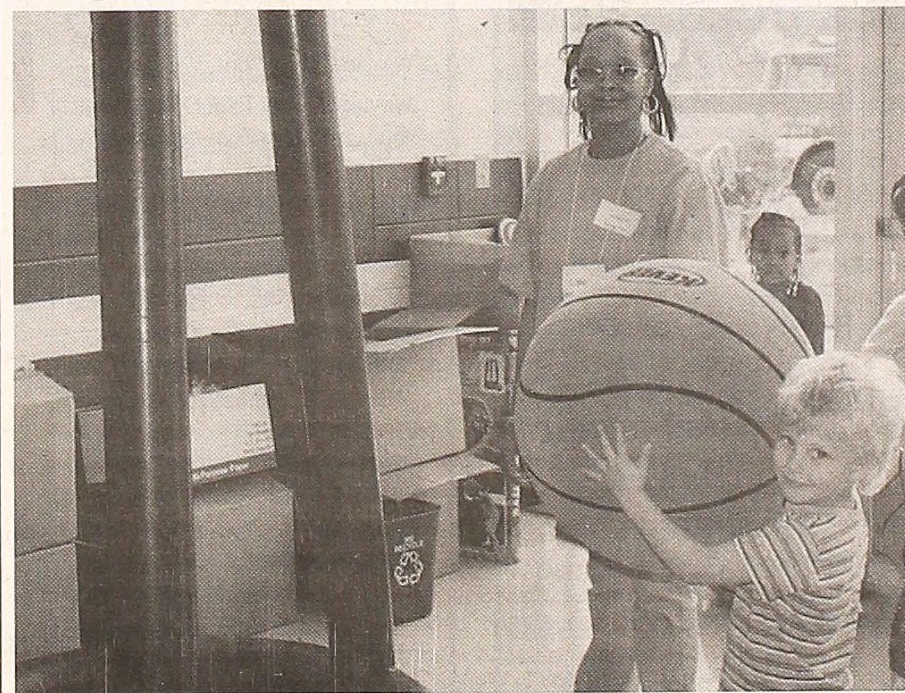
Susan MacDougall supervised this display of colorful gift items that were offered for sale.



Janice Lewis-Boyd cheered for Darius Ellis as he tried to throw a football into the target's opening to win a prize.



Among those who enjoyed the "moon walk" attraction were Jacob and Tina Stuart.



Camilla Williams looked on as Troy Swistara attempted to make a basket with a giant-size basketball.

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, from 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. in the evening, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

PROPOSITION P

"To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2005 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2006 through 2010) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$11,879,207 in 2006."

YES ___ NO ___

Each person voting on the above must be:

- (a) a citizen of the United States of America.
- (b) a registered elector of the Romulus Community School District.
- (c) eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct	Location
1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
11	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
12	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman, Romulus, Michigan
13	Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
14	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
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18	Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of May 25, 2005 the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Wayne County.

WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 indefinitely
	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 indefinitely
	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill-	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2002	0.25 mills	2005
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 indefinitely
	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010
Romulus School District	September, 1999	18 mills	2005 thru 2011 (nonhomestead)
	September, 1999	16.63 mills	2005 thru 2013 (nonhomestead)
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	June, 1995	18 mills	2005 thru 2009 (nonhomestead)
	February, 2003	1 mill	2005 thru 2012
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	September, 1995	18 mills	2005 (nonhomestead)
	September, 1997	1 mill	2005 thru 2006

RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

FJW:flc

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Elections Law, as amended.

Dated: June 6, 2005

LINDA R. CHOATE, CMC, CLERK
City of Romulus, Michigan

PUBLISH: July 28, 2005

Softball Team Featured Hot Hitters



The Mega Gold Division champion RHS Lady Eagles softball team featured hot hitters: (from left) front – Katie Hale* (.468 batting average) and Kenise Thompson* (.492); middle – *Jasmine Theriot* (.364), LaShonda Whitehead* (.538), Carissa Franklin, Chelsea Smith, and Courtney Turner; back – Jennifer Slyman (coach), Jennifer Dick (.370), Kate Appel* (.544), Lindsay Beregsasy (.490), Amanda Hollis (.469), Jessica Workman (.400), Nicole Goodman (.443), and Jessica Dick (.349). *All League

CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2005 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the August 2, 2005 Special Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

LINDA R. CHOATE, CMC, CLERK
City of Romulus, Michigan

PUBLISH: July 28, 2005

CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO ELECTORS Absentee Voters Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS** are available for the Special Election to be held Tuesday, August 2, 2005, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 South Wayne Road, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, are physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older.

Notice is further given that Saturday, July 30, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications, in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the acceptance thereof.

"LATE" ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be accepted from any registered elector between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the day before the election, Monday, August 1, 2005 if the voter shall personally appear at the Clerk's Office. Said ballot may not be taken out of the Clerk's Office, but must be voted immediately.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector prior to 4:00 p.m. on Election Day if he/she shall become physically disabled or shall be absent from the City of Romulus because of sickness or death in the family which occurred at a time that has made it impossible to apply for Absentee Ballots by the statutory deadline.

LINDA R. CHOATE, CMC, CLERK
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at Romulus Senior Center, temporarily located at Romulus Progressive Hall, call 734-941-6009.)

Downriver Senior Olympics

Join Mayor Alan R. Lambert and other supporters who will be in the City of Woodhaven on Opening Day (Monday, August 1) of the Downriver Senior Olympics to cheer for participants from our community. The event will run through Friday, August 5. Call the Center for more information.

Michigan State Fair

The Romulus Senior Center will take its annual trip to the Michigan State Fair on "Senior Day" – set for Monday, August 15. Seniors (age 62 and older) who take part in the trip will pay just \$1 for transportation; all others must pay transportation plus a \$9 admission charge. Early sign-up is strongly urged to prevent the trip's cancellation.

Red Hat Society Meets

The Romulus Senior Center is now an official member of Red Hat Society Chapter #40741. Among the group's upcoming outings is the following:

- August 12 (trip to the Dollar Castle on Eureka and lunch at the Silver Spoon restaurant).

For more information, please e-mail romulusredhatsociety@yahoo.com or call the Center.

Club One Meets

Club One – a social group for local senior citizens – meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. Meetings planned for the coming month include:

- August 9 (meeting, games, and bag lunch), and
- August 23 (meeting, bingo, and bag lunch).

New faces are always welcome!

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Windsor Raceway** (August 11 and September 8; \$5);
- **Houghton Lake Dinner Cruise** (August 19; \$60);
- **African Lion Safari** (September 24; \$80); and
- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (October 8; \$30).

Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens, including:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.), and
- "game day" (Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.).

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, at the Center. As always, walk-ins (11580 Ozga) and call-ins (734-941-6009) are welcome.

Check Your Blood Pressure

Local senior citizens are invited to stop by the Center between 12 and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, to have their blood pressure checked by a friendly representative of the Romulus Fire Department.

There is no charge for this service.

Walk for Your Health

Ride the Senior Center's van to Wayne County Community College's Western Campus each Monday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour of safe indoor walking at your own pace. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

The Center strongly urges anyone considering a change in his/her exercise program to consult a doctor beforehand.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

Liquid Nutrition Pickup

Just a reminder that the pickup time for Liquid Nutrition is 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. (Next date: August 10.)

Commodities Pickup

Again, just a reminder that the pickup time for Commodities and Focus: HOPE is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. (Next date: August 18.)

This program is available to low-income individuals and families of all ages. Call the Center to check on eligibility guidelines.

Hot Lunches

Too hot to cook? Don't forget that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for only \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. □

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Obituaries

William R. "Rusty" Brown

William R. "Rusty" Brown of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at the age of 57.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Sunday, April 11, 1948.

Rusty, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1970, was an active sportsman. Besides coaching Little League football and baseball, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, archery, and bowling on a number of local leagues. He was a member of the Romulus Athletic Club, the Little League Club, and the Loyal Order of Moose (Belleville, MI).

Surviving Rusty are 2 daughters, Amy M. and Carrie L. Brown (both of Westland, MI); 2 brothers, Lonnie A.

(Billie Sue) Brown and David L. (Linda) Brown (all of Moss, TN); and 3 sisters, Nelda R. (Mickey) Clements (Red Boiling Springs, TN), Daley (Robert) Hunter (Whitleyville, TN), and Nettie L. (Calvin) Cart (Romulus).

Among those who predeceased him were his parents, Cordell and Maude F. (Evitts) Brown, and a sister, Anna Strong.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 15, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Robert J. White (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to the Disabled American Veterans would be greatly appreciated by the Brown family.

Matthew G. McGrane

Matthew G. McGrane of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at the age of 47.

The native of Southgate, Michigan, was born on Friday, June 20, 1958.

Matthew—a maintenance employee for the Romulus Community Schools—was well liked and respected by co-workers, who considered him a kind, generous, and thoughtful person. A family man who thoroughly enjoyed spending time with all his loved ones, he especially delighted in fishing, golfing, antiquing, and model railroading with his son Jesse.

Among those surviving Matthew are his wife, Tamatha A. (Bennett) McGrane; his son Jesse; his father and stepmother, Bernard and Vira (Petraska) McGrane (Wayne, MI); 4 brothers, Bernard (Steph-

anie) McGrane (Elkhart, IN), Patrick (Cindy) McGrane (Carleton, MI), Christopher (Barbara) McGrane (Longmont, CO), and Martin McGrane (St. Clair Shores, MI); 3 sisters, Denise (Russell) Harris (Romulus), Michelle "Micki" (Jerry) Weidemann (Lincoln Park, MI), and Lucia Ochs (Wayne); and 16 nephews and nieces. Those who preceded him in passing included his mother, Mary Ellen (Searle) McGrane.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials to Matthew's son Jesse would be greatly appreciated by the McGrane family.

Vera B. Gregory

Vera B. Gregory of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2005, at the age of 71.

The native of Benton, Kentucky, was born on Thursday, July 5, 1934.

Vera was a former employee of the City of Romulus Police Department and Department of Public Works, and was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, Post #9283 (Southgate, MI). She enjoyed bingo, cooking, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving Vera are 2 daughters, Cynthia S. (Francis) Shuerab (Allen

Park, MI) and Margaret A. Brooks (Milan, MI); a sister, Dora Ann (Louis) Laving (CA); and 8 grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her parents, Hershel and Leora (Cavitt) Chiles; her husband, Asa Gregory (who passed away in 1978); a brother, Robert Chiles (1999), and a sister, Carol Sue Johnson (2001).

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 20, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with pastor Donald Belcher (Sunset Church of Christ, Taylor, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Amanda "Corrine" Moore

Amanda "Corrine" Moore of Wayne, Michigan, passed away on Monday, July 18, 2005, at the age of 95.

Corrine—born in Auburntown, Tennessee, on Monday, January 31, 1910—

was a member of the Ladies Missionary Group at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI).

Surviving Corrine are her son, Gary (Ella) Moore (Romulus); her daughter, Faye (Bill) Fite (Wayne); 6 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her parents, Jim and Ocie (Mullinex) Spurlock; her husband, James Carmack Moore (who passed away in 1982); 4 brothers, Joe, Carl, Paul, and Boyce Spurlock; and 4 sisters, Lela Odum, Jimmie Webster, Pearl Kennedy, and Ina Anderson.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home. Memorial tributes to Gideon International or Calvary Baptist Church would be greatly appreciated by the Moore family.



Matthew McGrane

Jimmy D. O'Conner

Jimmy D. O'Conner of Farewell, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2005, at the age of 44.

Jimmy—an avid sportsman who thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors—was born in Sparta, Tennessee, on Wednesday, November 23, 1960.

Surviving Jimmy are his mother, Patsy E. (O'Conner) Holton; 2 daughters, Kristina M. and Jessica L. O'Conner (Farewell); 2 brothers, Kenneth R. and Jeffrey L. (Carol) Holton (all of Inkster, MI); and a sister, Deborah J. (Keith) Varga (Romulus, MI).

Among those who predeceased him were his father, Marvin L. Holton (who passed away in 2002); a son, Jimmy O'Conner (1983); a sister, Caroline O'Conner (1980); and a brother, Olin O'Conner (1990).

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 11, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Frank Howard (Living Rock Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Cherry Grove Cemetery (Clare, MI). Memorial tributes to any charitable organization would be appreciated by the O'Conner family. □



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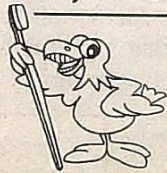
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